



January 20, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

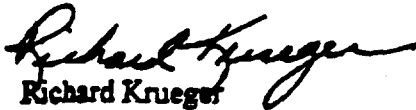
On behalf of the Rural Emergency Medical Education Consortium I would like to extend our support of Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan.

The positive benefits for REMEC in approval of this filing would be:

- Increased competition in local and long distance services in Michigan which would have a direct impact on REMEC telecommunication costs.
- Ameritech's entry into long distance would allow them to directly respond to REMEC requests for added choices for expanded and innovative services.
- Competition will assure that rural Michigan continues to have increased access to a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure.

REMEC is a non-profit consortium made up of eleven hospitals providing quality healthcare to northern lower Michigan. REMEC is able to enhance the delivery of emergency medical and health related education in rural northern Michigan through telecommunication network technology. By providing cost effective interactive televideo conferencing, REMEC has been a vital cog in addressing the issues of access, quality, cost containment and duplication of educational efforts.

Respectfully,


Richard Krueger
REMEC Secretary/Treasurer
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January 22, 1997

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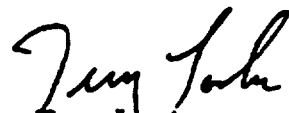
Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing concerning Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan.

Ameritech's proposed entry into the long distance market is consistent with Michigan's Telecommunications Act of 1995, which establishes a regulatory framework in which increased competition would result in greater choices, access, and services for Michigan residents. It is my understanding that Ameritech believes it has met all of the legal, regulatory, and technical requirements to open its network to competition in Michigan as required by both the federal and state telecommunications acts. Therefore, should you concur, I would encourage your favorable consideration of Ameritech's Section 271 application.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of assistance in answering any questions you might have, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Terry London
State Representative
Eighty-first District

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Edward H. McNamara
County Executive

January 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I urge you to approve Ameritech's application for permission to provide long distance service in Michigan and give it the opportunity to provide the full range of services that the people of my county want and need. Approval will help ensure that Wayne County continues to have the advanced communications infrastructure that is so essential to our community's economic and social viability.

Approval will increase competition in communications services in Michigan, and that's vital. More competition will transform the communications industry and bring the people of Michigan new products, lower prices, more choices and improved customer service. We believe that it is time to unleash the power of competition to benefit our communities.

I have great confidence in Ameritech's ability to support the interests of the people of Michigan. A solid corporate citizen, Ameritech is committed to Wayne County and has demonstrated that commitment in decades of investment and social involvement.

I also ask that you expedite the approval process so Wayne County and the nation can finally begin to realize the great promise of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward H. McNamara
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cc: Donald J. Russell
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January 16, 1997

**The Honorable Reed Hundt,
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage open competition for Michigan consumers within the telecommunications industry.

Specifically, I am asking you and the commission to carefully review Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. If the commission concludes that Ameritech has complied with the law, then Ameritech should be allowed entry into the long distance phone market as soon as possible. It is my understanding that the current long distance market is dominated by just three companies. I believe that the more companies that offer long-distance service, the better the service and lower the rates will be for Michigan consumers.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

**Dennis Olshove
State Representative
29th District**

cc: Mr. Donald J. Russell



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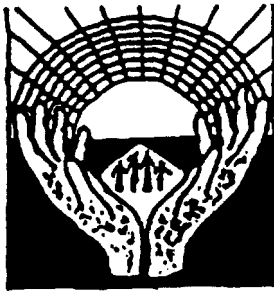
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As the State Representative for the 95,000 residents of Michigan's 36th District, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to consider the petition filed by Ameritech to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan under Section 271 of the Federal Communications Act of 1996.

Ameritech has shown itself to be an honorable corporate citizen in the communities I represent--the Detroit suburbs of Southfield and Lathrup Village. Moreover Ameritech is diligent in its efforts to be a cutting edge facilitator of the myriad of necessary high technology services our society will need in order to be competitive in the 21st Century.

Please give their request every consideration.

**State Rep. Nancy L. Quarles
36th District**



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January 22, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

Ameritech recently filed an application under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. I am petitioning you to move promptly to approve this application.

Ameritech should, without restraint, be allowed to compete with AT&T, MCI and the other long distance providers that currently dominate the long distance service industry if they have met the requirements under the law.

Increased competition is good for all concerned as it fosters better products and services, lower prices and possibly more jobs. These are positive realities for the residents of our community.

The Latin Americans for Social Economic Development offers our full support to Ameritech in this matter.

Sincerely,

**Armando Rivas, Jr.
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cc: Jane C. Garcia, President of the Board
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January 17, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

Please consider this letter an indication of my support for Ameritech's filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long distance service in Michigan. I would also request the FCC to act swiftly to approve this application.

The Rural Emergency Medical Education Consortium (REMEC) provides emergency medical and health related education to a twenty county region with a population of over 300,000, covering an area of 12,166 square miles via interactive video.

By providing cost effective interactive televideo conferencing, REMEC has been a vital cog in addressing the issues of access, quality, cost containment and duplication of educational efforts. Consortium hospitals and providers choose to access inexpensive locally available medical education provided through the REMEC interactive televideo network as an alternative to costly travel to distant educational courses.

REMEC includes a strong telecommunications network component that extends voice, data and video capabilities to its members. We at REMEC feel that increased competition will assure that rural Michigan continues to have a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure; an asset which will continue to build the REMEC program and meet the needs of our users and community residents.

Respectfully,

Jon Sewell
REMEC President
Munson Medical Center

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing you in support of the Ameritech Corporation's application which has been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission for permission to provide long distance telephone service within the state of Michigan. Please be advised that Deaf Options strongly supports Ameritech in its endeavor to compete in this industry and encourage your swift approval of this request.

We believe that full and fair competition are in the best interest of the citizens of Michigan and can help keep rates both fair and affordable. In addition it will provide consumers like us the opportunity to select a single provider for all of our communication needs, an option presently not available.

As a homebased company and good corporate citizen, it is our hope that Ameritech be given every consideration to compete fairly and serve our communities.

Sincerely

Robert Thornton
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January 22, 1997

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

This is to support the action taken by Ameritech in its filing under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to provide in-region long-distance service in Michigan.

I believe that this competition will ultimately create thousands of new jobs for American workers and will provide substantial long-term benefits to consumers. This will include competitive prices, the ability to choose among a growing list of quality communications providers and the innovative services they offer and responsive customer service.

This filing shows that the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 is fulfilling these promises - more competition, more consumer choices, more jobs, lower prices - and that, with the Commission's help, you are truly bringing the Information Age to America that Congress intended. I respectfully request the Federal Communications Commission to act swiftly to approve Ameritech's application.

Very truly yours,



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